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Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairmen, Computer Security Subcommittee
Research & Development Subcommittee
Technical Surveillance Countermeasures
Subcommittee

FROM:

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Chairman

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SUBJECT:

Collection Guidance

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1. The effectiveness of the security countermeasures developed in the SECOM structure is closely related to the thoroughness and timeliness of collection guidance covering the technical security disciplines monitored by SECOM. Earlier this year, the SECOM staff worked with the Computer Security Subcommittee to develop an up-to-date collection requirement covering opposition attempts to penetrate U.S. computer systems. Rapidly evolving changes in technology and increased activity by hostile intelligence services require us to ensure that our requirements and guidance to the Community's collection organizations specify clearly what technical and threat data your subcommittees need to develop new or changed countermeasure programs and policies and to request supporting R&D. [Redacted]

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2. Addressees are requested to ensure that their subcommittees address on a continuing basis the currency and completeness of collection tasking relevant to subcommittee functions, and to ensure that collected information reaches interested SECOM subcommittees and SECOM staff promptly. Bear in mind that tasking which is not renewed may expire or be ignored. Please ensure that updated tasking is considered at least twice a year by your subcommittees and that SECOM is advised of the results of these deliberations. [Redacted]

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